

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on March 11, 2005. Claims 1-7, 9-38, 45, 47-53, 55-57, 59-61, 64-66 and 75-78 are pending.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her time in conducting a personal interview on July 20, 2005.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant is filing herewith an information disclosure statement for the review and consideration of the Examiner.

DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATION REJECTIONS

Applicant is amending the specification to include drawing descriptions that were inadvertently omitted from the present application. Support for the descriptions being added in this case are set forth in the drawings in the present case. Applicant is also providing a Replacement Sheet of drawings including Figures 15-17, showing the correct reference numbers on Figure 17. The reference numbers on Figure 18 are believed to be accurate.

Applicant has also amended the Abstract to greater than 50 words in length.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1 and 75 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Stansbury, Jr. (U.S. Re. 35,941). Claims 1, 14 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Urbush (U.S. Patent 3,316,576) in view of Halm (U.S. Patent 5,651,158). Claims 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Urbush (U.S. Patent 3,316,576) in view of Halm (U.S. Patent 5,651,158) and further in view of Halm (U.S. Patent 6,178,582). Claims 1, 14, 45, 75 and 77 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Halfiger et al. (U.S. Patent 6,802,097) in view of Halm (U.S. Patent 5,651,158), while claims 47-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over

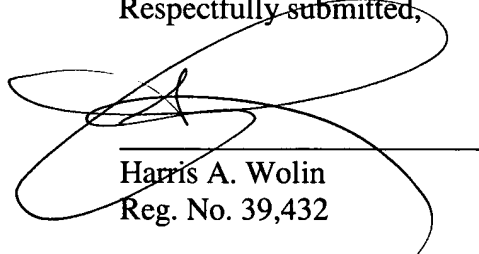
Halfiger et al. (U.S. Patent 6,802,097) in view of Halm (U.S. Patent 5,651,158) and further in view of Halm (U.S. Patent 6,178,582).

Responsive thereto, Applicant has amended the claims so that the head has a first cleaning element extending from said first surface that is non-movable relative to the head, a second cleaning element extending from said first surface that is non-movable relative to the head, a plurality of third cleaning elements disposed between the first and second cleaning elements and being movable relative to the head, and a discontinuity in the head opposite at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements to allow for movement of the at least one of said plurality of third cleaning elements relative to the head. As discussed during the Interview, Applicant believes that such amendment overcomes the prior art rejections of record.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Passage of this case to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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